

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US05/01372

<b>A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER</b> IPC: G10D 13/02( 2006.01)  USPC: 84/421 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b> Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 84/421  Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched  Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) EAST		
<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6610916 A (ITORREZ) 26 AUGUST 2003 (26.08.2003), ALL	1-3, 10-16, 22-28, 34-39, 42, 44-46, AND 48
Y	US 5929355 A (ADINOLFI) 27 JUNE 1999 (26.06.1999), ALL	1-3, 10-16, 22-28, 34-39, 42, 44-46, and 48
Y	US 4,684,091 A (MORESCHI) 04 AUGUST 1987 (04.08.1987), ALL	1-3, 10-16, 22-28, 34-39, 42, 44-46, and 48
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Date of the actual completion of the international search 04 April 2006 (04.04.2006)		Date of mailing of the international search report 04 MAY 2006
Name and mailing address of the ISA/US Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. (571) 273-3201		Authorized officer <i>Chondra for Bell</i> Kim R. Lockett Telephone No. 308-308-1782

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**Declaration of Inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 43bis.1(a)(iv))  
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I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/..... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter). Entitled: Instrument Support Apparatus with Internal Cabling

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications: .....

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

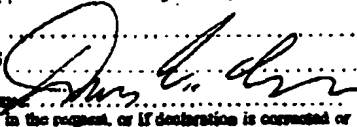
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT-2356	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2005/001372	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 14 January 2005 (14.01.2005)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 14 January 2004 (14.01.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant ULTIMATE SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. II   | Priority  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. III  | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability  |
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- ☐ Box No. II Priority
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4-9, 17-21, 29-33, 40, 41, 43, and 47</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3, 10-16, 22-28, 34-39, 42, 44-46, and 48</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>4-9, 17-21, 29-33, 40, 41, 43, and 47</u>	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-48</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Claims 1-3, 10-16, 22-28, 34-39, 42, 44-46, and 48 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Torrez. Torrez discloses the use of a support apparatus comprising at least item support rails, each supported by at least two rail support legs that are each coupled thereto by a coupler, wherein each of the three rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface, when at least one of the couplers is a pivot coupler that pivotally couples on the item support rails to one of the rail support legs and enables rotatable motion of the item support rail about a substantially vertical axis, and wherein a cable passed through at east a portion of at least one of the at least two item support rails. Torrez further discloses the use of a pivot coupler (see figures 1a-1e).

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